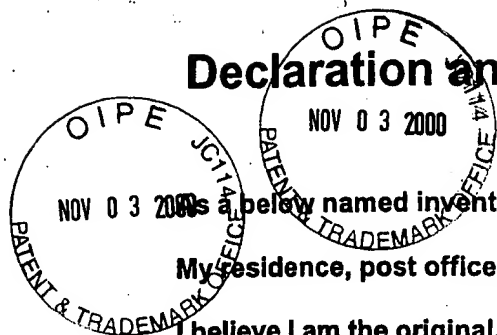


# Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application

## English Language Declaration



I, a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole/joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the design for

### METHOD OF PACKAGING

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on September 5, 2000 as Application Serial No. 09/655,223  
and was amended on September 5, 2000.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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#### Priority Claimed

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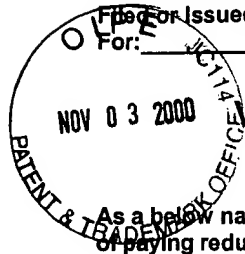
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled METHOD OF PACKAGING described in

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☒ application serial no. 09/655,223, filed September 5, 2000  
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I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

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